California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Official Home Going Celebration

Pastor Roosevelt Harper

Saturday, The Twenty-third Day of December
Two Thousand, Anno Domini

Eleven O'Clock In The Morning

Perry Temple Church of God in Christ

Corners - 35th & Market Streets
Oakland, California

Bishop W. Wyatt Hamilton, Officiator

Obituary

Roosevelt Harper was born on September 18, 1924 in Magnolia, Arkansas to the proud parents of Oliver Harper and Mandy Davers. He attended elementary school in Magnolia, before completing his education at McMitchell High School in Emerson, Arkansas. After completing his education, he then entered the United States Navy in 1944, and served his country well. He was released with an honorable discharge shortly thereafter.

Roosevelt met and married a young woman, and to that union was born James Harper. This union was dissolved. Roosevelt moved from Arkansas to California. He then married again and from this union four children were born, Charles, Rosetta, Roosevelt Jr., and Nellie Ann. This union was also dissolved.

In 1959, Roosevelt decided to make Jesus his choice. He received salvation, and was united with The True Holiness Church Of God In Christ under the pastorage of the late Pastor Berthon Watson, where he served faithfully as a deacon and was also involved with the outreach and jail ministries. Later, God called Roosevelt to be a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His favorite passage of scripture was John 3:16. He shared it with everyone he met. He later joined an evangelistic team, which conducted revivals throughout the city of Oakland.

In 1981, he married a young woman who also served on that team, Evangelist Deborah Johnson and they both worked together in the ministry of prayer and shut-ins, and conducting noon-day prayer for many many years. In 1990, Roosevelt became assistant pastor to Pastor J.E. Watson. In 1994, God elevated him to the position of Pastor of the True Holiness Church Of God In Christ, appointed by Bishop W.W. Hamilton, where he served faithfully with his wife, District Missionary Deborah Harper by his side until his passing. Pastor Harper was a warrior and will best be remembered for his worship and praise in dance. A couple of his favorite songs were "I'm So Glad Trouble Don't Last Always" and "I'm Working on the Building". His church family and district will truly miss his love and dedication.

Roosevelt leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and devoted wife, District Missionary Deborah Harper, three son; James of Los Angeles, California, Charles of Hanford, California, Roosevelt Jr. of Modesto, California, two daughters, Rosetta of Jacksonville, Florida and Nellie Ann of Pittsburgh, California, six stepchildren, Robin, Arvie, Yolanda, Gayneil, and Patricia, all of California and Horace Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia, one brother and his wife; Eddie and Jereline Lark of Dallas, Texas and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends. His mother, one brother and sister preceded him in death.

Order of Service for Pastor Roosevelt Harper

Administrative Assistant J.A. Jennings, MC

Processional (The Bishop & Admin. Asst. Executive Brd., Superintendents Pastors, Elders, Ministers, Pallbearers and Family

Musical Selection . . . . . Area Choir Elder C. Bryant
State Min. of Music

Invocation . . . . . Supt. W.M. Peterson
Executive Board Member

Reading From The Holy Word
Old Testament . . . . . Supt. L.A. Larkin, Executive Asst.
New Testament . . . . Pastor J.L. Langston, Executive Board Member

Musical Selection . . . . . Area Choir - Elder C. Bryant
State Min. of Music

Special Remarks
Local Representative Elder Torance Lindsey, Associate Minister
District Representative Supt. Benny Taylor, District Superintendent
State Representative Supt. J. Rice, Chairman Of The Superintendent's Board

Musical Selection. . . . . Area Choir - Elder C. Bryant
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Special Remarks
Mr. Charles Harper, Son
Supt. M. Starks, Family Friend
Mother Mary Welch, State Supervisor of Women

Acknowledgment of Condolences . . . . . Missionary Iantha Taylor

Musical Selection . . . . . Area Choir - Elder C. Bryant
State Min. of Music

Resolutions & Tributes
Local * * * * Elder Paul Brown, Associate Minister
District * * * * Missionary Connie Watson
State * * * * Administrative Assistant G.E. Harris

Reading of the Obituary . . . . . Please Read Silently

The Sermonic Rendition . . . . . Mother Ruth Langston

Eulogy *Bishop W. Wyatt Hamilton*
Prelate Of California Northwest Ecclesiastic Jurisdiction

Veterans Memorial Salute . . . . . American Legion District
Ten Honor Guard (Alameda County)

Viewing . . . . . .

Commital and Benediction

Pallbearers

Elder Stuart Peyton
Brother Malvin Cater
Elder Paul Brown
Mis. Lambert Badgett
Daryel Nixon
Brother Reggie Thomas

Acknowledgment

The family of Pastor Roosevelt Harper wishes to thank each and everyone for your many acts of kindness: sending a card or telegram, all the flowers and floral arrangements, the phone calls, the words of expressions and encouragement, your prayers, preparing a dish or two, and for sharing your time and presence to console our hearts. Thank you for your dedication to our family. We deeply appreciate everything you've done. If during this period of grief, we have overlooked anyone, may we extend our sincere gratitude. God bless you.

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